

'TARZAN OF THE APES' TO BE AT THE PLAZA SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Millions who have read and marvelled at Tarzan as he is portrayed by Edgar Rice Burroughs and who have seen the great white giant in the film, "Tarzan of the Apes," at the Plaza today and tomorrow, do not know that at one time Elmo Lincoln, who plays the part of Tarzan, was given up by the family physician as too frail to live out the first year of his life.

When Lincoln was eight months old, in his home on Knob Hill, San Francisco, he was the victim of meningitis, and it left him a weak, anemic boy. Ten years later he shipped with an uncle on board a ship bound for the South Sea Islands. Two years later Lincoln returned to the port of San Francisco robust and happy. At the age of 18 he was the tallest and strongest man in California. Then he supported acting as a profession, and after numerous roles essayed that of the two-sword man in Griffith's "Intolerance."

When the National Film corporation was seeking a man whose ability and physique would fit him for the difficult part of Tarzan, Lincoln was finally secured, but owing to a previous contract the production was delayed several weeks.

Lincoln is not fat. His 254 pounds are muscle. And with his huge bulk he is an alert foot racer. He has made his 100 yards in 16 seconds, and is weight-lifting and shot-putting stands well up in amateur ranks. He has been 700 pounds from the ground shoulder high, 34 times without cessation, and at wrestling and boxing is no mean performer.

He was the thirty-fifth man to be tried in the role of Tarzan, and was given a year's contract within one hour after arriving at the studio and giving a trial performance of climbing.

Lincoln has been an ardent athlete and amateur physical culturist ever since he left home at the age of 10. He has sought strength and health through total abstinence from all forms of alcoholic drinks and tobacco.

"Ten minutes after we were married," Thomas told the judge, "my wife left me. I've never seen her since. Next day I heard she had eloped. I wonder why she married me?"

"Don't know," replied the judge. "Maybe to get rid of you."

Left on Her Toe

After giving one of her toes to her husband, Mrs. Gertrude Graham of Tacoma, Wash., swore out a warrant for his arrest, charging non-support.

The husband served in France, and the wife furnished the missing toe in order to assist his surgical reconstruction.

And then he walked away, on one of my toes, too," the wife complained.

Tell this to the traffic cop next time he holds you up with his stop-sign sign.

WINNETKA, Ill.—The chief of police chased his force, Policeman Albert Ottone, out of the station. Ottone had been hunting and was attacked by a black cat with a white stripe. The chief then fumigated the station, and Ottone will have to buy a new uniform.

The early Christians looked upon the celebration of birthdays, even the birthday of the Lord, as heathenish.

At one time, some 1,500 years ago, different Christian communities had their own Christmas days, each believing Christ was born that day. These days were January 6, April 20, May 20, March 29, September 29 and December 25.

It was indeed "merry old England" in the time of Alfred when Christmas began December 15 and lasted until January 6.

But a Puritan governor got himself mighty unpopular with the present-day kids by forbidding play on Christmas.

The governor, we are told by William Bradford, "found them in ye street at play, openly; some pitching ye ball, and some at stool-ball and such like sports. So he went to them and took away their implements, and told them that it was against his conscience that they should play."

That's just the way father feels about it Christmas afternoon when he wants to nap and all the kids want to blow horns, pound on drums and run the noisy train round the room.

The British parliament abolished Christmas in 1643, and it was 12 years before the day was again celebrated openly in England.

In 1659 Massachusetts enacted a law placing a fine of five shillings upon any person who "observed such a day as Christmas Day." They kept Santa Claus out of the colony until 1831.

In some parts of Germany they believe cattle have the gift of language on Christmas eve. In the U. S. A. this season money talks less loudly than even before.

In Poland they believe that on Christmas night the heavens are opened and the scene of Jacob's ladder is re-enacted.

The first Christmas card was printed by a man named Jobbins, colored by hand, and sold by Joseph Cundell, London publisher, in 1846.

Scandinavians invented the Christmas tree. It was due to a desire to get the forests cut down for plowing. German emigrants brought the Christmas tree idea to America.

A lot of people have claimed the discovery of Santa Claus, but a thorough investigation leaves it about fifty-fifty between the little boy and the individual who has toys to sell.

Probably the greatest Christmas invention is that combination of the X-ray and mind reading device which may be turned upon a friend at this time and a clear picture of what he's going to give you for Christmas is made.

This makes it possible for you to get him "something just as good." Also, it guards against foolishly wasting a lot of money on a fellow who is only going to send you a Christmas card.

When the invention gets into the hands of our little boy he can stop prying open the closet door to see if Santa Claus is hiding anything there.

And Friend Wife will know we're not going to buy that set of furs, but a comfy chair for her, which we can use too at an evening, and then we bet she won't be treating us so fine before Christmas!

However, this knowing-in-advance is going to take a bunch of joy out of pre-Christmas life, isn't it?

"RAGGING" HELPS "PUSSYFOOT"



LONDON—Reaction has set in in favor of "Pussyfoot" Johnson. When the gang of medical students "ragged" him by carrying him through the streets on a stretcher, he was beaten up so badly that his right eye had to be taken out to save his left. The result was a turn of sympathy in Johnson's favor and aid for the dry campaign. Johnson is shown above "riding the rail" and below, his eye bandaged and still happy.

In some parts of China, if a man fails to pay his debts, his creditors carry away one of his doors. It is thought that this permits evil spirits to enter.

An ice cream freezer of English invention in which ice and salt are packed in a cylinder that revolves inside the cream, delivers its product in a continuous stream half a minute after a crank is turned.

King George has more thrones than any other living monarch. He has three in his London palace, one in the house of lords, one in Westminster abbey and a sixth at Windsor castle.

A Chinaman who wears his spectacles in the presence of a guest or a social superior is held to be as rude

as in this country we regard a man who fails to remove his hat when meeting women of his acquaintances.

In twenty years, 7,700,000 automobiles have been produced in the United States, but there are still 21,534,000 horses in the country and 4,925,000 mules. There were never before so many horses in the United States and they never before were so valuable.

Because so few typewritten inks are indelible or unalterable the Venezuelan government has forbidden the official registration of typewritten documents.

Out of 500,000 boys in the Canadian schools at the age of fourteen years not more than 25,000 go on to high school.

The highest interest that can be charged for a loan in the Isle of Man is 6 per cent and that has been the lawful rate for more than 200 years.

In a new comb for drying the hair a rubber bulb forces air heated by electricity in the handle through perforated teeth.

The London Times stated recently that 14,000 passengers for South Africa were still in the United Kingdom awaiting steamer accommodations.

The first discovery of coal is said to have been made by a Belgian blacksmith named Hullos, who lived in a village near Liege, in 1049.



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There is a hell..... 131

There is no hell..... 24

New that the majority has decided there is such a place, let us proceed with the task of keeping out of it.

From Paris and other fashion centers there comes the report that the petticoat is no more. Seems as though there isn't sufficient room in the stylish short and tight skirt for the petticoat.

And now, please, read this:

Waving his wife's red petticoat, Morgan Smith, of Lavender, Ga., flagged a fast passenger train and brought it to a stop within a few feet of a broken rail.

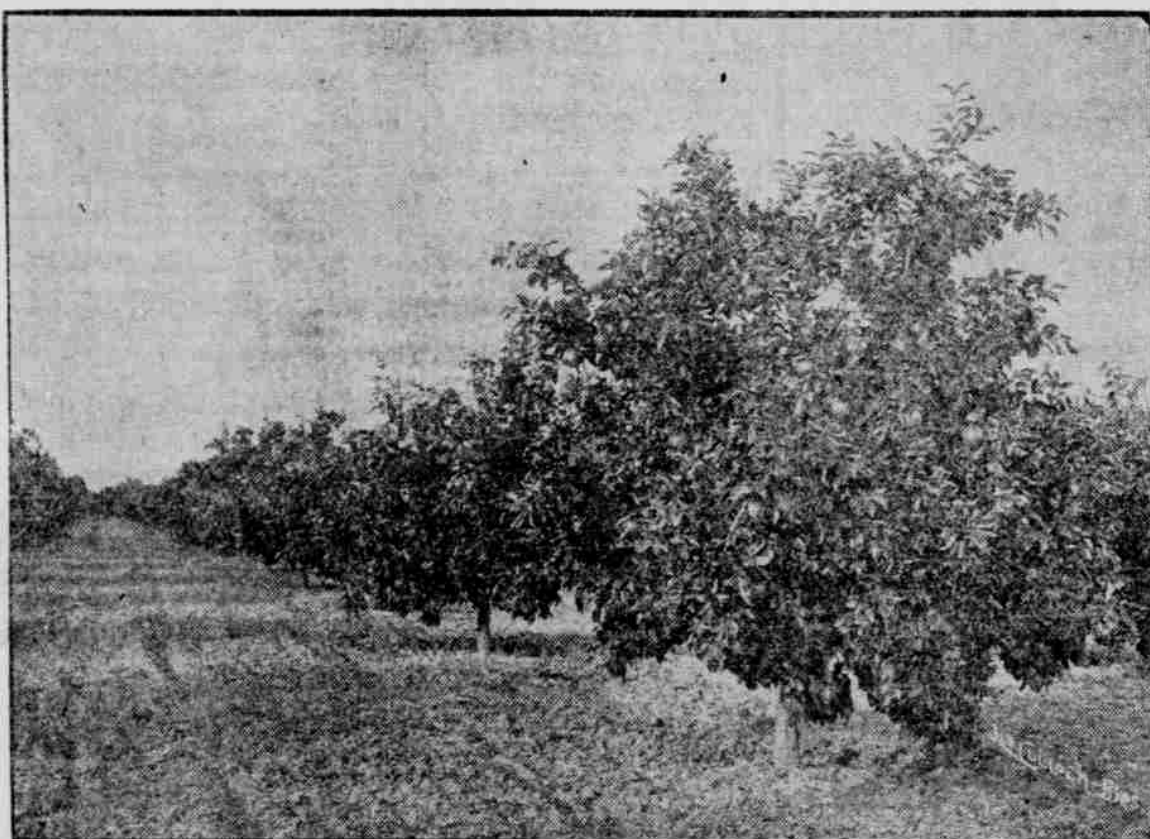
You see how that Paris anti-petticoat decree saved lives in Georgia! Now? Why, if they were still wearing 'em, Mrs. Smith's petticoat wouldn't have been hanging round for Mister Smith to wave at trains.

Every week 89 Chicago telephone girls get married. And still the employing department goes on hiring the prettiest girls when it ought to weed out the good-looking right at the start.

The co-eds of the University of Cincinnati have organized a "Man-Haters club."

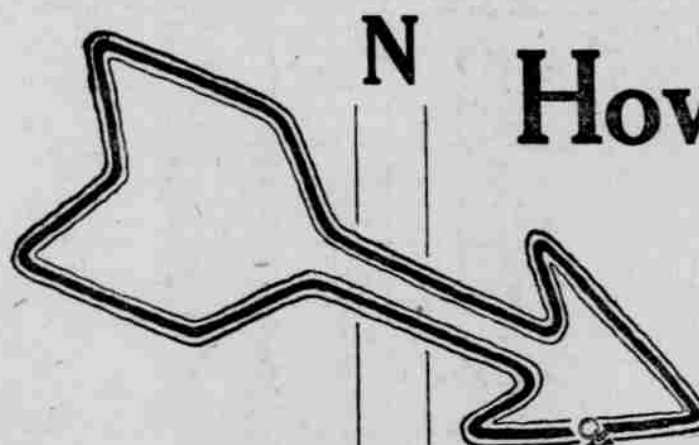
It took just eight years of candy, flowers, theater tickets and ardent proposals for Albion C. Thomas of Waukegan, Ill., to win and wed his bride. It took her ten minutes to lose him.

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